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Abstract

In a communication system capable of variable rate transmission, multi-level scheduling improves utilization of the transmission delay in data communication. Multi-level scheduling comprises base station level scheduling, and network level scheduling. Network level scheduling is performed for base station (4) in which are controlled by different selector schedulers (12). Selector level scheduling is performed for remaining base stations (4) which are controlled by the same selector schedulers (12), and base station (4) level scheduling for stations (6) not in soft handoff. Base station (4) level scheduling is performed using residual capacity after performed. Each scheduling level can have different scheduling interval.

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